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ADA BALL CASS
DESCENDANT OF
JOHN CASS 1620-1675

By
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Several years ago the author became interested in his ancestors. As a result of this interest, a large amount of data on the Cass family and connecting lines have been accumulated. This record gives a complete Cass lineage of Ada Ball Cass, the daughter of the author. Persons interested in information on connecting lines which has been compiled by the author may find it in volumes VII and VIII of "The Compendium of American Genealogy" and in manuscript form in these libraries: The Grosvenor Library, Buffalo, N. Y. and The New England Historic Genealogical Society Library in Boston, Massachusetts.

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ANSWER

and the author's answer is as follows:
In general, and especially for purposes of the present
problem, I would say that there will be no
difficulty in finding a solution if the number of
variables is not too large. In fact, it is
possible to find a solution even if the number of
variables is very large, provided that the
number of equations is also very large.

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ANSWER
to the question

To
My wife and daughter

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John Cass of whom Ada Ball Cass is a descendant was born in England about 1620 and came to Hampton, N. H. in 1644. He was among the first settlers of that town. He appeared in Boston in 1648 and died there April 7, 1675. Relatively little is known of this man, except that he was a Quaker and that he was well received in his community.

The Ada Ball branch of the Cass family migrated to Mendon, Mass., from there to Smithfield, R. I., and about 1762 returned to New Hampshire with a group of Quakers who settled the Town of Richmond. About 1830, Alvin Cass left New Hampshire to seek his fortune in New York State. He settled on poor land in the Town of Palermo, Oswego County and did not realize his ambition. Examination of the property he purchased indicates that he was a victim of land speculators.

FIRST GENERATION

1. JOHN CASS was born in England about 1620. Records show that he was in Hapmton, N. H. in 1644 and in 1646 bought a farm on the south side of Taylors River, where he lived. In 1647 he went to Boston and in that year married Martha, daughter of Thomas and ~~X~~ Ann (Knapp) Philbrick at Watertown. She was born in 1633. John died April 7, 1675 at Boston, Mass.

Children

2. John, born September 21, 1650
3. Joseph, born October 5, 1656
4. SAMUEL, born July 3 or 13, 1659
5. Jonathan, born September 13, 1663
6. Elizabeth, born June 4, 1666
7. Mercy, born August 1, 1668
8. Ebenezer, born July 17, 1671
9. Abigail, born January 1, 1674

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Island, by J. H. Beers, Chicago 1908
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SECOND GENERATION

4. SAMUEL CASS, son of John(1), was born in Boston on July 3 or 13, 1659. On December 17, 1681 he married Mercy, a daughter of William and Mary (Moulton) Sanborn, born July 19, 1660.

Children

10. Martha, born September 25, 1682
11. JOHN, born October 24, 1687
12. Hannah, born March 1, 1695
13. A son killed by a falling tree March 1, 1706,
age about six years
14. Mary, born January 10, 1702

REFERENCES

See First Generation

THIRD GENERATION

11. JOHN CASS, son of Samuel(4), was born at Hampton, N. H., October 24, 1687. In 1712 he married Hannah, daughter of John Grove, Jr. of Roxbury, Mass. Mr. Cass purchased three hundred acres of land in that part of Mendon which became Bellingham, Mass. and settled there in 1726. He was burried on this farm at Blackstone near Woonsocket, R. I. In 1895 a marker was erected to his memory bearing this inscription: "John Cass II, born in Hampton, N. H., married Hannah Grove, a daughter of John Grove, Jr. of Roxbury, Mass. Settled here in 1726."

Children

15. Mehetable, born October 2, 1713
16. Hannah, twin of Mehetable
17. Nathan, born July 2, 1715
18. John, born February 15, 1717
19. Mary, born November 19, 1718
20. Hepzibah, born September 7, 1720
21. Jonathan, born August 23, 1722
22. DANIEL, born November 29, 1724
23. Ebenezer, born December 4, 1726
24. Samuel, born April 5, 1731

REFERENCES

See First Generation

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FOURTH GENERATION

22. DANIEL CASS, son of John(11), was born at Hampton, N. H., November 29, 1724. He married Mary Cook at Mendon, Mass., April 7, 1744. They resided at Smithfield, R. I. where eight of their ten children were born. About 1762 Daniel and his brother, John, along with a group of Quakers, left Smithfield and settled in southern New Hampshire at Richmond. They were among the first to open up the wilderness in that locality. An interesting point in connection with this settlement was the name of the first settler's child to be born there. He was a son of the Martin family who named him "Wilderness". His gravestone still stands in the burying ground by the old Quaker meeting house at Richmond.

Daniel is recorded as having been a large land holder, a wealthy man, and a radical politician. He was the first merchant in the town, keeping a store in his home. He was one of the first voters in the town and was elected Selectman at the first town meeting in 1765, and was also the first Town Clerk. He was sent as a representative to the meeting to decide the question of dividing New Hampshire to form Vermont and was expelled from this meeting, much to the displeasure of his fellow townsmen who removed him from the town office he was holding. Being a Quaker, he objected to taking up arms at the time of The American Revolution. However, he, with several others at Richmond, signed The Association Test of The New Hampshire Colony, August 30, 1776. (See national number 63752, National Society Sons of The American Revolution.)

Children

25. Samuel, born August 10, 1746
26. Joseph, born March 31, 1748
27. Hannah, born January 10, 1749; m. Nathaniel Taft
28. Mary, born March 30, 1752; m. Richard Peters
29. Daniel, born October 24, 1753
30. JONATHAN, born March 31, 1756
31. Josiah, born September 24, 1757

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32. Sarah, born November 10, 1759; m. Abner Twitchell
33. John, born July 30, 1763
34. Mordica, born December 23, 1765

REFERENCES

See First Generation
History of Richmond, N. H., by Bassett

FIFTH GENERATION

30. JONATHAN CASS, son of Daniel(22), was born at Smithfield, R. I., March 31, 1756. He married, as his first wife, Zilpha, a daughter of John and Margery (Aldrich) Martin of Uxbridge, Mass., Mar. 21, 1779. She was born in 1753 and died May 25, 1808. He died at Richmond on May 4, 1838.

Children

35. Sarah, born June 15, 1780
36. MARTIN, born December 3, 1781
37. Provided, born October 24, 1783
38. Daniel, born January 1, 1785
39. Mary, born November 26, 1786; m. Caleb Garfield
40. Jonathan, born May 7, 1778
41. Hannah, born March 18, 1791; m. Michael Perry
42. Zilpha, born November 30, 1793; m. Lilburn Allen
43. Otis, born August 2, 1795

REFERENCES

See First and Fourth Generations

SIXTH GENERATION

36. MARTIN CASS, son of Jonathan(30), was born at Richmond on December 3, 1781. On December 31, 1801, he married Margaret, daughter of Moses and Comfort (Buffum) Allen who was born on August 11, 1783 and died on May 2, 1865. Martin died on October 30, 1837.

Children

44. ALVIN, born June 5, 1803

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45. Margaret, born March 24, 1805; m. Hosea Ellis
46. Martin, twin of Margaret
47. Orace, born December 10, 1806
48. Sylvester, born August 25, 1808
49. Josiah, born March 19, 1810
50. Augustus, born January 4, 1812
51. Sarah, born August 4, 1813; m. ---- Willis
52. Edwin, born May 25, 1815
53. Willard, born June 10, 1817
54. Ahaz, born April 26, 1819
55. Zephaniah, born July 4, 1821
56. Nahum, born September 7, 1823
57. Moses, born October 24, 1825
58. Mary, born May 8, 1828; m. David Harris

REFERENCES

See First and Fifth Generations

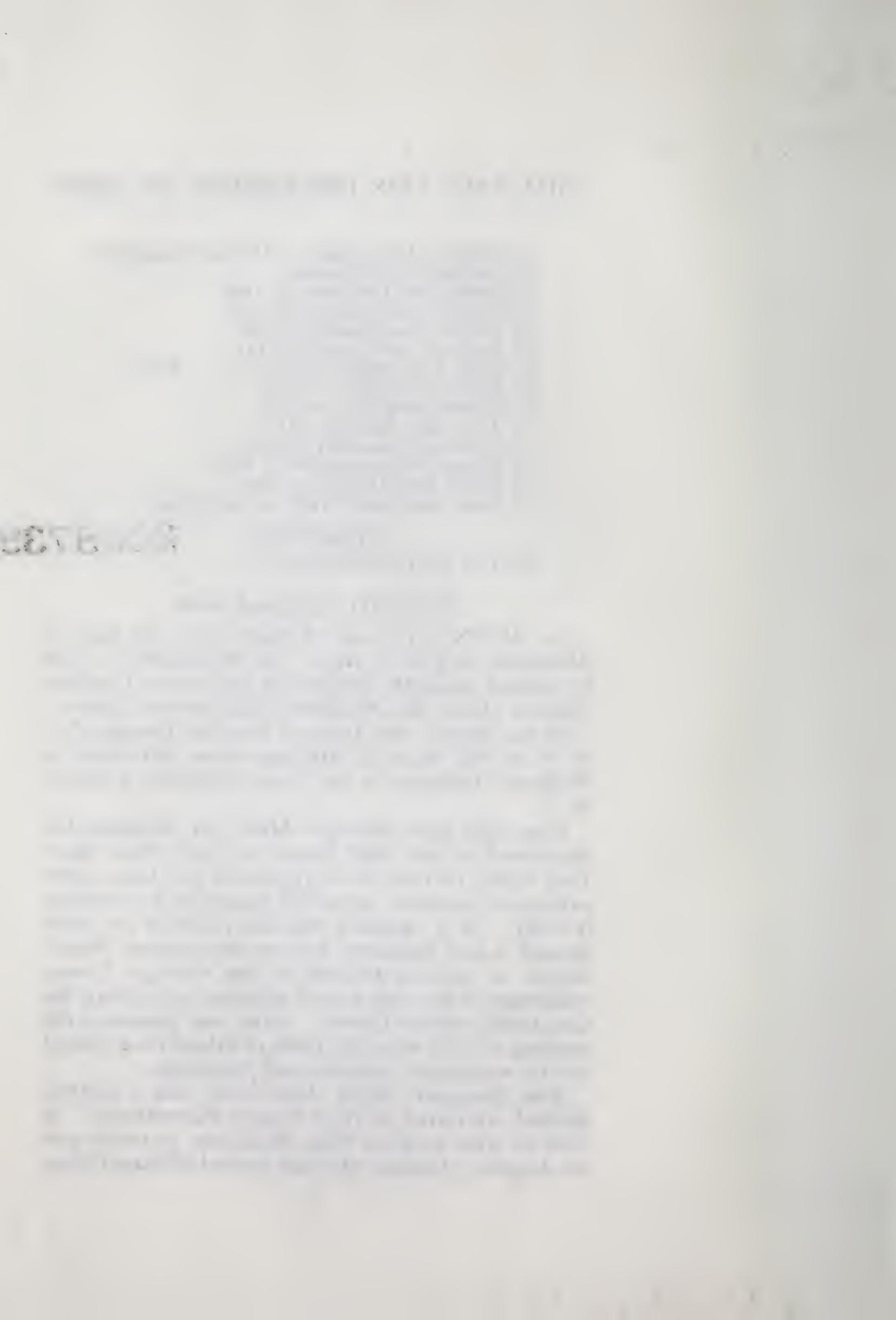
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SEVENTH GENERATION

44. ALVIN CASS, son of Martin (36), was born at Richmond on June 5, 1803. On September 21, 1828 he married Susannah, daughter of Stephen and Charlotte (Ballou) Harris who was born at Richmond on June 17, 1799 and died in the Town of Palermo, Oswego Co., N. Y. on May 29, 1855. Her gravestone still stands in Wellwood Cemetery in the Town of Mexico, Oswego, N. Y.

Soon after their marriage, Alvin and Susannah left Richmond to seek their fortune in New York State. They settled on land which apparently had been overly advertised, because it was poorly situated and exceedingly rocky. It is apparent that the purchase was made through a land speculator without examination. Nevertheless, in spite of the trials of the Oswego County wilderness in the early part of the nineteenth century, the Cass family remained there. Alvin was present at the meeting in 1832 when the Town of Palermo was formed and he was elected constable and pathmaster.

After Susannah's death, Alvin went with a brother, Willard, who lived in Tioga County, Pennsylvania. In 1866 he went to River Falls, Wisconsin to reside with his daughter, Augusta, who had married William Gilson



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and had settled in Pierce County. He died there November 4, 1878.

Children

59. Mary, born May 15, 1830; m. Francis Bracy
60. Moses Ebwin, born May 21, 1831; m. Mary Turot as first wife. Left family and is presumed to have died in Wisconsin.
61. Augusta, born April 28, 1833; m. William Gilson and went to River Falls, Wisconsin.
62. Augustus, born April 14, 1835; m. Ann Eliza Abbott
63. MARTIN, born December 21, 1838

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History of Oswego County, N. Y., by Clayton
Census Records of Oswego County, 1840 - 1850
Alvin Cass Bible in possession of the author
Obituary of Alvin Cass from Oswego newspaper
of November 1878

EIGHTH GENERATION

63. MARTIN CASS, son of Alvin(44), was born in the Town of Palermo, December 21, 1838. His mother died when he was seventeen years old and his father left him to shift for himself. He stayed with his sister, Mary, and brother, Augustus, part of the time, but economic necessity required that he make his own living. He went to work on the farm of Carmi Millard, a prosperous farmer in the Town of New Haven, Oswego County. While working there, he married Mina, daughter of Carmi and Experience (Eason) Millard, August 16, 1862. She was born on the Millard homestead at Mullen Hill in the Town of New Haven on June 12, 1844 and died at the home of her daughter, Florence, in Syracuse, N. Y., April 26, 1926. Martin died on March 21, 1910 at New Haven.

Children

64. Ellen, born April 10, 1863; m. Franklin Darrow, first and Byran Coon, second
65. Watson, born May 14, 1866; m. Julia Record

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66. Pearl, twin of Watson; died at birth
67. Henry, born August 25, 1870; died at birth
- 68: Herbert, born July 7, 1872; died Apr. 15, 1874
69. MILLARD, born June 30, 1877
70. Florence, born January 29, 1886; m. Halford Havens

REFERENCES

Martin Cass Bible in possession of the author
Vital Records of New Haven and Syracuse, N. Y.

NINTH GENERATION

69. MILLARD EARL CASS, son of Martin (63), was born at New Haven, June 30, 1877. On March 3, 1898 he married Dora Lillian, daughter of Henry and Mary (Gilman) Knight who was born, August 8, 1880.

Millard Cass was an athlete of considerable renown. His prowess as an amateur gained him many awards as well as much favorable publicity in the press. He was prominent in the affairs of his community, a successful farmer, and a well known stone and brick mason. His death occurred at Buffalo, N. Y., January 3, 1943.

Children

71. EARLE MILLARD CASS, born July 20, 1901
72. Hazel, born September 24, 1906

REFERENCES

Vital Records of New Haven and Buffalo, N. Y.

TENTH GENERATION

71. EARLE MILLARD CASS, son of Millard (69), was born in the Town of Palermo, July 20, 1901. He was graduated from The Oswego State Normal School, Oswego, N. Y., Columbia University, New York City, and The University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Penna. His work in industrial education included teaching at Waterford, N. Y., Instructorship at The University of Pittsburgh, administrative work at The General Motors Institute, Flint, Mich., and The State Department of Education of Connecticut. In 1933, he became Director

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of Vocational Education at Ambridge, Pa. In 1940 he removed to New Castle, Pa. to carry on the same work in that city.

On June 1, 1926, Earle Cass married Beulah Aileen Ball at New York City. She was born in the Town of Watertown, Jefferson County, N. Y. on November 27, 1898, daughter of Henry C. and Myrtilla (Horne) Ball. She was graduated from The Potsdam State Normal School, Potsdam, N. Y. in art education and for several years was engaged in the supervision of public school art at Chateaugay, Cobleskill, and Ilion, N. Y. She is a direct descendant of William Ball of Wiltshire, England, through a son, Alling, who came to America about 1630. Another son, William, settled in Virginia and became an ancestor of ~~Martha~~, mother of George Washington. Mrs. Cass' line of descent is: William, Alling, Edward, Thomas, Nathaniel, Nehemiah, Sinecy, Edward, Henry, and Beulah. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Daughters of American Colonists.

Mary

Children

73. Ada Ball, born May 9, 1931

REFERENCES

Vital Records of Palermo, Oswego County, N. Y.

ELEVENTH GENERATION

73. ADA BALL CASS, daughter of Earle Cass(71), was born at The Valley Hospital, Sewickley, Penna. on May 9, 1931. At the time of her birth, her parents resided at Baden, Pennsylvania.

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Notes and Additions

* John Cass married Martha Philbrick
dau. of Thomas and Elizabeth —
Philbrick.
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